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## Arkansas Judicial Council



Judicial Council Officers and Board members for the 2012-2013 term:

Seated: (l-r) Hon. Ralph Wilson, Jr.; Hon. Vann Smith; Hon. Robert Edwards; JD Gingerich

Standing: (l-r) Hon. David Clark; Hon. Earnest Brown, Jr; Hon. Lee Fergus; Hon. Charles Yeargan; Hon. Mackie Pearce

Not pictured: Hon. Mark Hewett; Hon. Larry Vaught; Hon. Berlin Jones; Hon. Xolie Duncan

## Information about the Arkansas Judicial Council

The Arkansas Judicial Council consists of all judges of the circuit court and Court of Appeals, Justices of the Supreme Court, retired justices and judges, and the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts. The Council acts as the official body representing the state's judiciary.

It was organized "to foster and preserve the integrity, dignity, and independence of the judiciary; to promote uniformity and dispatch in judicial administration; to develop, implement and maintain a program of judicial education preassisting members newly elected or appointed to the bench; to provide continuing legal education for members accommodating the diverse needs of chancellors, circuit judges and appellate justices; and to select member

to the Judicial Retirement board."

The Council has the specific statutory responsibility of making recommendations to the General Assembly on judicial redistricting and the addition of new judgeships in the state. Formal business of the Council is conducted in spring and fall meetings each year.

## 2013-2014 Officers and Board

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